

RUMBLE MUSEUM

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ABOUT US

The Rumble Museum at Cheney is run by educational charity The Iris Project and spread throughout corridors and rooms. We run regular projects, talks and events, and have two active student Museum Councils.

We have been awarded full Museum Accreditation by the Arts Council. Find out more at www.rumblemuseum.org.uk

WORDSEARCHING, ANCIENT ATHENIAN STYLE

This week, museum studies students were joined by Professor Peter Liddel, Classics lecturer from the University of Manchester, who introduced collections of ancient Athenian inscriptions.

Examples included a grave marker showing two female worshippers in the cult of Isis, an Egyptian goddess that had become very popular by the 3rd century BC in Athens, and fragments recording of the taxes allied cities had paid to Athens. These are all part of a project called Attic Inscriptions in UK Collections, which aims to publish all these inscriptions on their website.

Students saw how the ancient Greek numbering system worked, and looked at some of the uses of mythology in inscriptions to reinforce particular political messages.

We finished by looking at some medicine-themed dedications, including some votive tablets with body parts asking for healing for a body part.

We also looked at an artefact which appeared to show a doctor treating a patient, suggested especially by the cupping vessel in the corner, which acted as an ancient symbol of a doctor. You can see a cupping vessel below - the Rumble Museum has an exact replica of this artefact in its collection on display in Brighthouse.



VIRTUAL TREE TRAIL

Year Eight Museum Council students are continuing to work on a virtual Cheney Tree Trail, which will be unveiled online ready for the Rumble Museum's Sixth Form Conference "Cheney 2050" on 24th March.

In the past week, students have been using their daily exercise to map and take photographs of the trees, and to start planning what special virtual features the trail will have.

The students have discovered that there are over 90 different trees on site, and a wide range of species, from frequent oaks, beeches

horse chestnuts, and pines, to ashes, holly, thuja (cypress), sweet gum, sycamore and plane trees.

The students have invited staff to create voice recordings for the trees, and are splitting the trail into sections with different themes. They are also exploring what sorts of wildlife visit and inhabit the trees.

They are working with a web design company to create an exciting, informative and accessible experience for all visitors.

Watch this space as the trail develops, and see one of our beautiful plane trees below.

